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Lariat Loop Scenic & Historic Byway

Drive the loop between historic Denver Mountain Parks. Golden to Evergreen to Morrison, all within minutes of Denver, Colorado (40 miles). **SCAN QR CODE**

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Explore These Byway Stops

Golden, CO (1859)

Known for the Colorado School of Mines (1880), Coors Brewing Company (1873, German-American brewer Adolph Coors), and more.

Golden History Museum

923 10th Street, Golden, CO 80401.

Founded in 1938 as the Jefferson County Historical Museum, today it is a downtown cultural campus.

Golden History Park

11th & Arapahoe, Golden, CO 80401.

Walk through time along Clear Creek, viewing old buildings (1800s-1912), a Native American Arbor, more.



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Colorado Railroad Museum

17155 W. 44th Avenue, Golden, Colorado 80403.

More than 100 historic locomotives and restoration underway inside the Roundhouse.

Lariat Trail Scenic Mountain Drive (1913)

2151 Lookout Mountain Rd, Golden, CO 80401.

Marked by historic pillars (1917) at the entrance to the Denver Mountain Parks, a 5-mile road that serpentine up the front of Lookout Mountain.

Denver Mountain Parks (1912-1941)

Denver's "backyard" consists of approximately 13,500 acres of 22 accessible parks and 24 conservation areas.

Buffalo Bill Museum & Grave

987 ½ Lookout Mountain Road, Golden, CO 80401.

At this location since 1921, featuring artifacts from Buffalo Bill's life. William Frederick Cody, 1846-1917.

Boettcher Mansion (1917)

900 Colorow Road, Golden, CO 80401.

On Lookout Mountain Nature Preserve, built as a summer home, a prime example of the Arts & Crafts style.

Colorow Point Park

900 Colorow Road, Golden, CO 80401.

The smallest park in the Denver Mountain Parks system, named after Chief Colorow, a prominent Ute leader.



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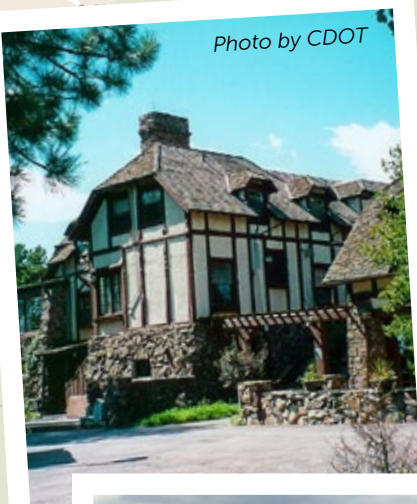


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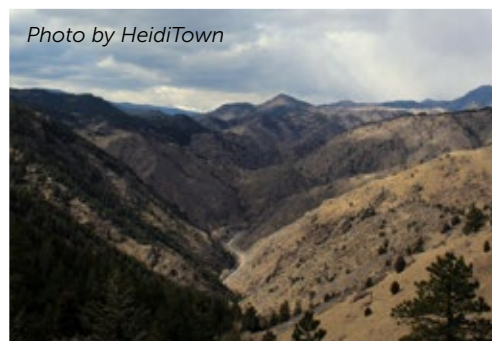


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Mother Cabrini Shrine

20189 Cabrini Blvd, Golden, CO 80401.

Originally an orphanage camp, it is now a place of prayer, pilgrimage, and devotion for all visitors.

Buffalo Overlook #1

285 S Mt Vernon Country Club Rd, Golden, CO 80401.

Observe one of the country's iconic animals, the buffalo (American Bison).

Bison Overlook #2

Beaver Brook Trailhead, 27448 Stapleton Dr, Golden, CO 80401.

Chief Hosa Lodge (1918)

27661 Genesee Ln, Golden, CO 80401.

Denver's first mountain lodge designed by architect Jules J.B. Benedict and named after Chief Little Raven (Hosa, Young Crow).

Evergreen, CO

Before the 1859 homesteads, it was the hunting grounds of the Ute and Arapaho Tribes; it is home to the Evergreen Conference Historic District.

Bergen Park (1859)

Bergen Parkway & Bergen Park Rd, Evergreen, CO 80439.

Designed by Denver Architect Jules J.B. Benedict, the 25-acre park includes a stone pavilion, wellhouse, and restroom.

Hiwan Heritage Park & Museum (1893)

28473 Meadow Drive, Evergreen, CO 80439.

Constructed as Camp Neosho by Jock Spence and residence for one of Colorado's first female doctors, Josepha William Douglas.

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Lariat Lodge Brewing (1920)

27618 Fireweed Drive, Evergreen, CO 80439.

Located in the historic Hart House, where our name pays homage to the Lariat Loop Byway.

Kitteredge

Named after Charles Marble Kittredge, an architect who founded the mountain community in Bear Creek Canyon during the early 1920s.

O'Fallon Park

25663 Lines Lane, Kitteredge, CO 80457.

Donated in 1938, uniting Corwina (1916) and Pence (1914) Parks, featuring an unusual five fireplaces with one chimney.

Lair o' the Bear Park

22550 CO-74, Idledale, CO 80453.

1900s Mountain Nook Ranch was converted to a county open space park in 1987; access to Bear Creek Trail.

Morrison

Named after George Morrison, Stonemason, and his company's stone used in the Brown Palace and Union Station; and Morrison Formation named after him too.

Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre (1936-1941)

18300 W Alameda Pkwy, Morrison, CO 80465.

Designated a National Historic Landmark along with the CCC Camp.

Morrison Natural History Museum

501 Colorado Highway 8, Morrison, CO 80465.

This is the leading paleontological museum in Jefferson County.

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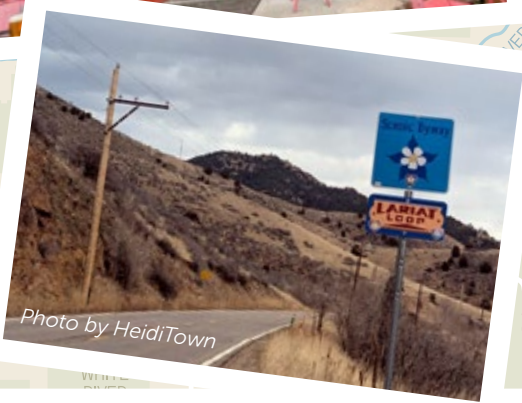


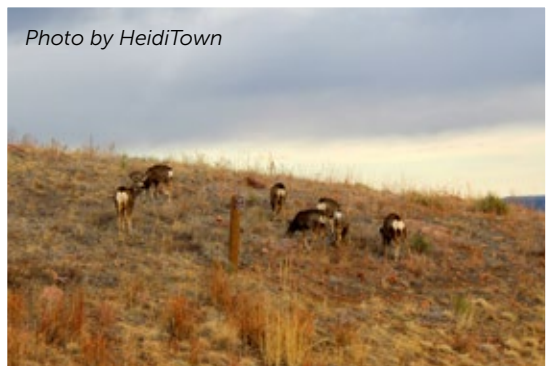
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The Fort

19192 Colorado Highway 8, Golden, CO 80465.

Opened in 1963 and modeled after Bent's Old Fort in La Junta, along the Santa Fe Trail Scenic & Historic Byway.

Martin G. Lockley Discovery Center at Dino Ridge

16831 W Alameda Pkwy, Morrison, CO 80465.

Ancient landscapes where stunning plants and animals once lived.

Dinosaur Ridge Visitors Center

16831 W Alameda Pkwy, Morrison, CO 80465.

Bus tours, indoor and outdoor exhibits, hands-on experiences, and vast information.

Dinosaur Ridge

An NPS National Natural Landmark with the #1 dinosaur tracksite in America and the world's first Stegosaurus fossil discovery; Colorado Natural Area.

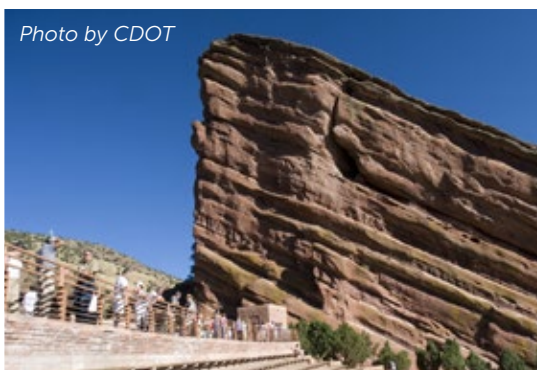
Woolly Mammoth & T-Rex Lots

18560 US-40, Golden, CO 80401.

Woolly Mammoth kiosk and T-Rex Geological POI trail.

Lariat Loop: Making Connections

The Lariat Loop Scenic & Historic Byway (America's Byways®) connects from Golden on US 6 and CO 119 to Central City/Black Hawk to the Peak to Peak Scenic & Historic Byway. Also connects from Bergen Park via CO 103 to the Mount Blue Sky Scenic & Historic Byway. Further west on I-70, at Georgetown, travelers can access the Guanella Pass Scenic & Historic Byway.



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